

Consideration of the dedication of the Boot Lake Addition Nature Preserve in Elkhart County

The proposed Nature Preserve addition is a 75.53 acre addition to the existing 200.87 acre Boot Lake Nature Preserve. It is located in the northwest corner of Elkhart County, 2.5 miles from the City of Elkhart. This nature preserve protects two rare types of wetlands known as hydric peaty muck flats and hydric peaty sand flats which support disjunct Atlantic Coastal Plain plants, also buttonbush swamps, associated upland woodlands and fields, and a prairie restoration.

The plants protected in this Nature Preserve include one state endangered plant (Pipewort), two state threatened plants (Dwarf-umbrella sedge, Long beak baldrush), and two state rare plants (Weakstalked bulrush, Tall beaked-rush). There is one animal of state special concern, the Sandhill Crane. This Nature Preserve will also assure protection and preservation of a significant natural resource as well as animal and plant species sharing the same watershed and wetland associated uplands.

This tract is owned by the City of Elkhart and is under the administration of the Director of Public Works and Utilities for the City of Elkhart. Part of the funding for acquisition of the Boot Lake Addition came from the Indiana Heritage Trust Project.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

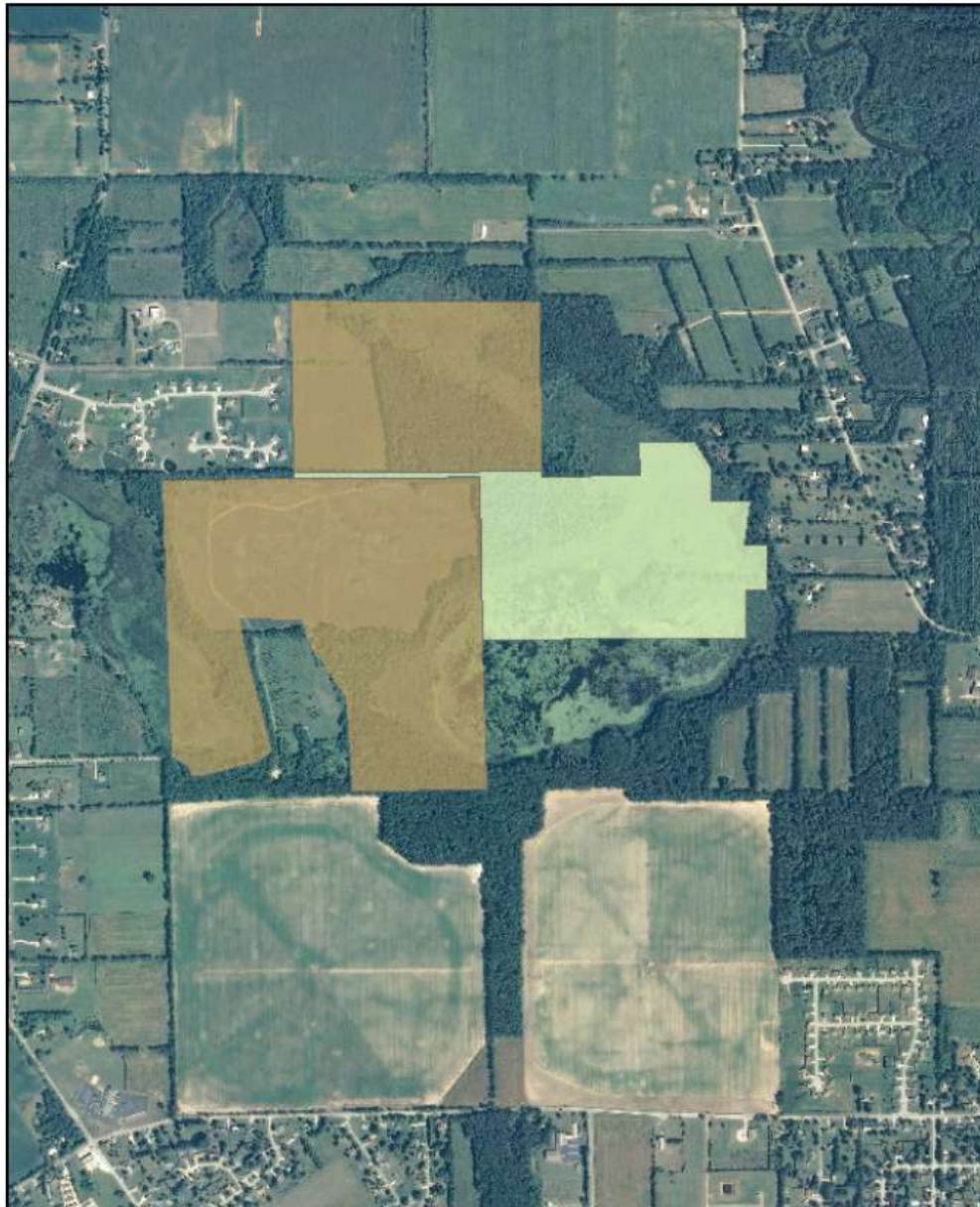
Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A.

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

Exhibit A

County: Elkhart
Size: 75.53 acres

USGS Map: 7.5 Quad
Ownership: City of Elkhart



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